

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region II  
POLLUTION REPORT**

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**Subject:** Heller Heat Treating Mini Site Assessment Initial and Final PolRep  
Region 02 Emergency Responses 2009  
Edison, NJ

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	2	<b>Site #:</b>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	3/11/2009	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	3/11/2009	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	3/11/2009	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>Completion Date:</b>	3/11/2009	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Assessment
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>		<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>			

### **Site Description**

The site is a defunct heat treating business that is in Chapter 7 dissolution bankruptcy. The site consists of 4 buildings that occupy approx. 2 acres in a mixed use area of northwest Clifton. The overall condition of the buildings is excellent, and the property is fully fenced.

The OSCs participated in a walk-thru inspection on 3/11/2009. At that time the following chemicals and wastes were observed:

1. Approx. 30,000 gallons of used quench oil in totes. An almost equal amount of oil is still contained in various heat treating furnaces at the site.
2. One 30 cu. yd. roll-off containing zinc oxide sludge.
3. Approx. 60 drums of zinc oxide sludge
4. Approx 60 drums of sodium nitrite and 40 drums of waste sodium nitrite.
5. Approx. 170 tons of molten sodium nitrite in underground process tanks.
6. Approx. 400 drums of various industrial chemicals, solvents, acids, oxidizers, paint, caustics, used paint, and unknowns.
7. Two former zinc plating lines with plating residue and liquids in the sumps.
8. Approx. 50 fiber drums of elemental zinc.
9. Partially full ammonia and natural gas ASTs.

### **Current Activities**

At the present time the assets of the company are scheduled to be liquidated at auction in late April. This may be problematic because the Clifton FD may deem the facility too hazardous for a large crowd of people to walk thru, and may require the chemicals to be removed prior to the auction going forward.

The NJDEP has referred this site to EPA for a removal assessment.

### **Planned Removal Actions**

Respond to the NJDEP referral when it is queued for the RDT to meet.

### **Next Steps**

Perform RSE and evaluate situation for possible time-critical removal action.

### **Estimated Costs \***

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				
<b>Total Site Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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